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Osman Kalkan's Faithful Nephew

Uncle¹ Osman had a nephew who was distinguished and well known for his laziness. He was so lazy that it took him three or four years to pass each grade level in school.

One day the major political party of Tercan held a meeting of all its members. At this meeting everyone made a great effort to show himself as being faithful to the party.

Uncle Osman arose during the meeting and spoke in behalf of his nephew. He said, "My nephew is the most faithful and steady member of this party in Tercan.

"How so?" someone asked.

Uncle Osman answered, "Well, this nephew of mine took three or four years to pass each grade level in school. He never changes his position in a hurry. I cannot think of anybody more faithful and steady than he is."

¹ Osman Kalkan was not literally the uncle of the narrator. Uncle can be a term of respect and familiarity for an older man with whom one is fairly well acquainted.